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Great News from Germany:

OR,
A TRUE ACCOUNT
OF THE
DISCOVERY

OF A
Treacherous Design

To BETRAY the



CITY of MENTZ
To the FRENCH.

With a List of the Confederat Army near the Rhine.

LICENS'D, July 1. 1691. J. F.

ONE *Consbruk*, Commissary-General in the City of *Mentz*, having kept a secret correspondence with the *French King*, in order to betray that City into his hands, the Plot was discovered in this following manner:

The *French* sent a Trumpeter into the City of *Mentz*, under pretence to ransom some Prisoners of War, but in effect to deliver secretly some Letters to the Commissary-General. The Trumpeter staying at the said place somewhat longer than was expected, the *French* General was very uneasy about it, and sent the *Marquels de Villacart*, *Maistre de Camp* of the Regiment of Horse of *Berry*, Commander of the *Carabines*, and Nephew to *Monfieur de Louvois*, together with *Monfieur Belleviere*, Major of the Royal Regiment of Horse, and *Mr. Fellinier*, Captain of a Troop of Horse, towards

the City, to try if they could hear any news of the said Trumpeter; but unluckily for them, they were all made Prisoners by a Troop of Dragoons, who being sent by the Governour to go in pursuit of a *French* Party, met these three abovementioned Officers on their return. At the Entrance of the Gate of the City they met the Trumpeter; and one of the Officers that was taken, told him in a great passion, That he was the cause of their being made Prisoners; and that they would not fail to get him to be hang'd, as soon as they were set at liberty. The Trumpeter did not like the Proposals; and being besides, a *German*, he thought it safest for him to return into the City; and going straight to the Governour, acquainted him with what had pass. General Count *Thungen*, the Governor of the City, being extreamly surprized at it, sent immediately for the Commissary-General, and asking him about the Letter, and

and the Commissary denying that ever he had received one. The Governour sent for Six *Hussares*, who after having stript him of all his Cloathes to his very shirt, in the General's presence, several Letters of dangerous concerns were found about him, hidden in some secret places of his Body. It was plainly discovered by them, that he had betrayed to the French King all the Measures that were taken in the City; and that he was to set the City on fire, as soon as the French were come near to Bombard it. There was a Letter, found about him, writ by the French King's own hand; and another written by him to the French King; wherein he thanks him for the exact and regular payment of his Pension, which has been Two hundred French Pistoles a Month: He tells him, that a great many are ready to assist him in all his undertakings for the French King's Service; and it is said, he will in few days be put to the Rack, in order to discover the said Traytors. He himself is put into Iron Chains, and an Express is sent to seize his Brother, who is Secretary to the Emperor; his own Secretary, who was secured with his Master, has since Poison'd himself in the Prison. The Governour, General, Count Thungen, has ordered all his Goods to be seized at *Cassheim*, where the said Commissary did reside: amongst which, there was found a Trunk full of French money, and a silver Service. If this dangerous Conspiracy had not been so opportunely discovered, the City of *Mentz*, the taking of which cost the Duke of *Lorain* so much pains, and the Germans so much Blood, had been now all in Ashes. The French have sent a Trumpeter into the City, to let the Governour know, That in case he

did not surrender the three Officers, they would destroy the City: But the Governour has answered them, That upon the throwing of the first Bomb into the City, he would immediatly hang the said three Officers upon the Rampart.

A List of the Confederat Army

near the Rhine.

The Forces of the Elector of Saxony.

FOOT.

THE Regiment of Guards,	1500
General Schoning's,	1600
Count Reife's,	1000
Sintzendof's,	1000
Duke Christiana's,	1000
Dusteradty,	1000
Two Regiments of Granadiers,	800

HORSE.

The Regiment of Guards,	500
Schoning's,	500
Braun's,	500
Haubitz's,	500
Life-Guard,	
Braunitz,	500
Two Regiments of Dragoons,	1000
Foot of Gotha,	
Bibra's,	1000
Neitsch,	1000
The Dragoons of Ramsdorf,	500

Total 13900

The Troops of the Circle of *Franconia*,

The Troops of <i>Suabia</i> ,	10000
The Duke of <i>Wirtemberg's</i> ,	6000
Two Regiments of <i>Hussars</i> ,	1200
Two <i>Bavarian</i> Regiments,	
Three Regiments of <i>Salzburg</i> ,	
The Regiments of <i>Ziebelshorf</i> and <i>Swanensfeld</i> ,	3000

The Regiment of *Ottingen*,

Total 31800

In all, 45700.